

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Responsive to the Official Communication dated May 10, 2006, Applicants respectfully submit the Office has erred in stating that "Applicants must provide both a paper copy of the Sequence Listing and an initial computer readable form (CRF) of the Sequence Listing." Applicants U.S. Representative has examined the specification and claims of the application and has concluded that the application does not contain an unbranched nucleotide sequence with ten or more bases or an unbranched, non-D amino acid sequence with four or more specifically defined amino acids, as described in MPEP 2421.02, and therefore does not require submission of a Sequence Listing or CRF.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the Office has erred in requiring a Sequence Listing and CRF, and that Applicants are therefore not required to provide either a Sequence Listing or CRF.

Applicants submit that this paper is fully responsive to the Official Communication of May 10, 2006, and that the application is now in condition for examination on the merits. Early notification to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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